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City of Coppell

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October 2013

## Southern Belle Reconstruction Project

The reconstruction of Southern Belle, from Plantation to River Road, is scheduled to begin mid-October. This project is funded by the 1/4-cent sales tax revenue designated for the reconstruction of neighborhood streets. This project includes the reconstruction of water and sewer lines, the street and the sidewalk.

It is anticipated that this project will take 120 calendar days to complete.

## Holiday Parade Register Your Group

The City of Coppell invites you to join the annual Lighted Holiday Parade. Gather your organization, business, family and friends to register your parade entry today! There is no charge; however, all organizations must complete a registration form and have a representative at the mandatory parade meeting to be held on Mon., Dec. 2. Every entry must have a minimum of 200 lights!

Parade entry forms are available on the city's Web site at <http://coppelltx.gov> or call 972-462-5100 to obtain a copy. All registration forms must be returned no later than Fri., Nov. 22.

The annual parade will take place on Sat., Dec. 7, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and follow the Samuel to Parkway, west on Parkway to Town Center Blvd. route. The lighted parade will be followed by the annual Holiday Celebration and Tree Lighting, Coppell's official kickoff for the holidays! For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-462-5100.

## City to Hold Sales Tax Election

The City of Coppell will hold an election on Tuesday, November 5, 2013, asking voters whether or not to extend and broaden the use of the existing one-half of one percent sales tax currently providing funds for a select number of recreation facilities and park projects. Should voters re-authorize and re-adopt the existing half-cent sales tax, its use will continue to provide funding for the projects currently authorized, as well as funding for construction, maintenance, and operation of future capital improvement projects.

These projects include park facilities, youth and adult sports complexes, open and green space areas, hike and bike trails, public gathering facilities/venues, allowable library renovations and Life Safety Park. These projects all support the Coppell 2030 strategic vision adopted on March 10, 2009.

Re-authorization and re-adoption of this one-half of one-percent sales tax collection will not result in an increase in sales tax. If not re-authorized and re-adopted, the one-half of one-percent sales tax currently collected will remain in effect until such time that the debt on the original bonds is paid off which is expected in 2018.

The current sales tax rate in Coppell is 8.25%. The State retains 6.25% while the City retains 2.0%. One-percent is designated for city operations. One-half of one percent is a special, voter approved 4B sales tax, (now referred to as the Type B sales tax) being used to fund specific park related projects. It is this tax that the City is seeking to re-authorize and re-adopt.

The remaining one-half of one percent is split between a one-fourth of one percent sales and use tax to provide revenue for the maintenance and repair of existing city streets, and one-fourth of one percent sales and use tax to provide revenue for the crime control and prevention district, responsible for crime reduction programs.

The use of sales tax dollars will fund projects in an alternative manner, rather than relying on the General Fund which is largely supported by property taxes.

A detailed brochure will be mailed to all households in Coppell. Need more information? Please contact the City Manager's Office at 972-304-7065, or via email at [cmo@coppelltx.gov](mailto:cmo@coppelltx.gov).

## Elecciones Especiales Propuesta Del Impuesto Sobre Ventas

La Ciudad de Coppell sostendrá unas elecciones el 5 de Noviembre del 2013, requiriendo de los votantes a considerarse la reautorización y adopción de un medio punto porcentual en el impuesto sobre ventas y uso, del cual se proveerán dichos fondos para ciertos proyectos en las instalaciones del centro recreativo y parques. Una vez que los votantes reautorizan y readopten del un medio punto porcentual del impuesto sobre ventas y uso, se continuara empleando dichos fondos para los proyectos actualmente autorizados, así como tambien para contrucción, mantenimiento y operacion de futuros proyectos de mejora de capital.

Estos proyectos incluirán instalaciones atléticas, complejos deportivos para adultos y jóvenes, espacio de áreas verdes, sistema de veredas, lugares de reunión, renovación de biblioteca y otras instalaciones relacionadas entre sí. Estos proyectos apoyarán el plan Coppell 2030 Strategic vision adoptado en Marzo 10 del 2009.

La reautorización y readopción de un medio punto porcentual en el impuesto sobre ventas y uso no resultará un aumento en el impuesto de venta. Si no se llegara a autorizar dicho impuesto, los fondos recolectados actualmente permanecerán en vigor hasta el momento en que la deuda de los bonos originales sea pagada en el 2018.

La tasa de impuesto sobre ventas en Coppell es de 8.25% actualmente. El estado conserva un 6.25%, mientras que la ciudad conserva un 2.0%. Uno porciento se designa para operaciones de la ciudad. Medio punto porcentual del uno porciento es aprobado por los votantes, llamado 4B impuesto sobre las ventas, (conocido como el impuesto sobre ventas Tipo B) el cual se utiliza para financiar proyectos relacionados con parques en específico. Es el impuesto que la ciudad esta requiriendo para que se vuelva a autorizar y aprobar.



## November Meetings

Published meeting dates, locations and times are subject to change. Please call the appropriate phone number to confirm.

**Parks & Rec. Board**      **Nov. 4**

Service Center, 816 S. Coppell Rd.,  
6:30 p.m., 972-462-5100

**Economic Dev. Comm.**      **Nov. 6**

Town Center, 2nd floor conf. room,  
6 p.m., 972-304-3677

**Bldg. and Standards Board**      **Nov. 7**

Town Center, Council Chambers,  
7 p.m., 972-304-3500

**City Council**      **Nov. 12**

Town Center, Council Chambers,  
7:30 p.m., 972-304-3669/Time Warner 16 / Verizon 32

**Library Board**      **Nov. 14**

W.T. Cozby Public Library, 177 N. Heartz,  
7 p.m., 972-304-3626

**Keep Coppell Beautiful**      **Nov. 21**

Service Center, 816 S. Coppell Rd.,  
7 p.m., 972-462-5191

**Planning and Zoning**      **Nov. 21**

Town Center, Council Chambers,  
6:30 p.m., 972-304-3678/Time Warner 16 / Verizon 32

## City/School Tax Statements

City and Coppell ISD tax statements for tax year 2013 were mailed around Oct. 1. If your mortgage company requested your tax statement before Sept. 15, the City mailed your statement directly to your mortgage company. If your mortgage company did not make the request by that date, the statement was mailed to the property owner.

If you receive a statement and your mortgage company is responsible for paying these taxes, be sure to put your loan number on the statement and forward it to your mortgage company. If you pay your own taxes and do not receive one statement for each property owned, please contact the City's Tax Office at 972-304-3694. You will be mailed a duplicate tax statement. Taxes for 2013 are due on Oct. 1, 2013, and considered delinquent Feb. 1, 2014.

## Bugs-Good, Bad, and Ugly

Dec. 7 from 10:30 to noon

Fire Station 3 Training Rm., 177 Parkway

Learn how to recognize helpful garden insects and attract them to your yard helping to prevent pests and diseases through organic techniques. For more information visit [coppellexcommunitygarden.org](http://coppellexcommunitygarden.org).

El restante del medio punto porcentual del uno por ciento se divide entre un cuarto porcentual en el impuesto sobre ventas y uso para proporcionar ingresos para el mantenimiento y reparaciones de las calles de la ciudad, y un cuarto porcentual en el impuesto sobre ventas y uso para generar ingresos destinados a la lucha contra la delincuencia y el distrito de prevención, y programas responsables de la reducción a la delincuencia.

El uso del dinero de los impuestos sobre ventas se destinará a financiar proyectos de una manera alternativa, en vez de basarse en el Fondo General que se apoya en gran parte por los impuestos de propiedad.

Un folleto con detalles sera enviado por correo a todos las residencias en Coppell. Para mas informacion, por favor de contactar la Oficina de la Administracion Municipal al 972-304-7065, o al correo electrónico [cmo@coppellex.gov](mailto:cmo@coppellex.gov)

## Photo ID Required to Vote

Voters are now required to present an approved form of photo identification in order to vote in all Texas Elections.

Here is a list of the acceptable forms of photo ID:

- Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS
- United States military identification card containing the person's photograph
- United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States passport

For more information, visit <http://www.votetexas.gov/register-to-vote/need-id/>.



## Requiere identificación con fotografía para votar

Se requiere que los votantes presenten una forma de identificación con foto con el fin de votar en todas las elecciones de Texas.

Lista de identificación con foto aceptables:

- Licencia de Conducir de Texas expedida por el Departamento de Seguridad Pública
- Cédula de Identificación Electoral en Texas expedida por DPS
- Tarjeta de Identificación Personal en Texas expedida por DPS
- Licencia de Texas para Portar una Arma de Fuego expedida por DPS
- Cédula de Identidad Militar de los Estados Unidos con fotografía de la persona
- Certificado de la Ciudadanía Estadounidense con fotografía de la persona
- Pasaporte de los Estados Unidos

Para obtener más información, visite <http://votetexas.gov/es/registrese-para-votar/necesita-identificacion/>

## Senior Center Craft Fair Scheduled

Grapevine Springs Senior and Community Center, 345 W. Bethel Rd., will host the annual Senior Craft Fair on Sat., Nov 16, from 9 a.m. to noon. Booth space is available for individuals 50 years of age and older to sell their handmade crafts. For more information or to learn more about this program or other programs offered through this center, please call 972-462-5136, or visit the Web site at [coppellex.gov](http://coppellex.gov). Contact the center manager via email at [lmckinney@coppellex.gov](mailto:lmckinney@coppellex.gov).

## Taste of Coppell

4th annual Taste of Coppell is presented by the Coppell Chamber of Commerce. Sample all the best food in the city on Sun., Nov. 10, 2013, at the Senior Comm. Ctr. at Grapevine Springs, 345 W. Bethel Rd. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$35 at the door. Purchase tickets at [coppellexchamber.org](http://coppellexchamber.org), or call 972-393-2829.